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SUBJECT: LABOR TO SEEK FIFTY PERCENT INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE

- 1. MEXICAN ORGANIZED LABOR WILL ASK NATIONAL MINIMUM SALARIES COMMISSION FOR NATIONWIDE FIFTY PERCENT INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE TO TAKE EFFECT IN JANUARY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED DEC. 6. INCREASE IS BEING SOUGHT BY CONGRESS OF LABOR, UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOR PRI AFFILIATED LABOR UNIONS. ALSO ON 6 DEC. CTM LEADER FIDEL VELAZQUEZ SAID THOSE WHO INTERPRETED PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S EMPHASIS ON AUTERITY TO MEAN THAT LABOR HAD TO FORESWEAR ITS RIGHTS WERE BADLY MISTAKEN.
- 2. COMMENT: TOGETHER, THE TWO DEC. 6 ANNOUNCEMENTS, WHICH WERE HEADLINED HERE, APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE WARNING TO NEW GOVERNMENT AND TO PRIVATE SECTOR THAT ORGANIZED LABOR IS FORCE TO BE DEALT WITH AND THAT IT WILL NOT WILLINGLY RELINQUISH ABSOLUTE AND RELATIVE GAINS MADE DURING ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION.
- 3. DEMAND FOR 50 PERCENT INCREASE APPEARS TO BE EXORBITANT, BUT THAT'S NATURE OF BARGAINING PROCESS HERE. JOVA

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